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SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG



COUNTDOWN
TO **CHAOS!**

Welcome to Sonic's comic book adventures – A world unique & beyond what you know from the SEGA games! Where Sonic and his friends work to save the world from the forces of evil!

SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

PREVIOUSLY...

SONIC IS THE FASTEST, COOLEST HERO ALIVE!

After foiling Dr. Eggman's plans, both Sonic and Eggman woke up back in their home world, but with new memories – and a new past, altered by the reality-warping Genesis Wave!

The artificial intelligence known as NICOLE holds the key to what has happened, and by interacting with the heroic Freedom Fighters she has begun to "defragment" this new world, beginning with a newly revitalized ROTOR THE WALRUS!

While Sonic and Tails put the team back together, Dr. Eggman is struggling to make his way home to the Death Egg. He's made a startling discovery about the planet, and it's got him running scared...



WHO'S WHO



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
FASTEST THING ALIVE



MILES "TAILS" PROWER
SONIC'S BEST BUD



DR. EGGMAN
SONIC'S MAD SCIENTIST NEMESIS



???

COUNTDOWN TO CHAOS

PART TWO: THE SOLDIER

IN THE SKIES
OVER
AVALON...

STOP
PUTTING
HOLES
IN MY
PLANE!

DR. EGGMAN
VILLAIN ON
THE RUN

BLAM!

I DON'T
THINK THEY
CAN HEAR
YOU, BOSS!

ORBOT
SASSY
ASSISTANT

PUSH, PUSH!
IT VILL MAKE US
GO SCHNELL!

CUBOT
HAS A
FAULTY
VOICE
CHIP

G.U.N.
GUARDIAN
UNITS OF THE
NATIONS

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BLAM!

BLAM!

CRASH!

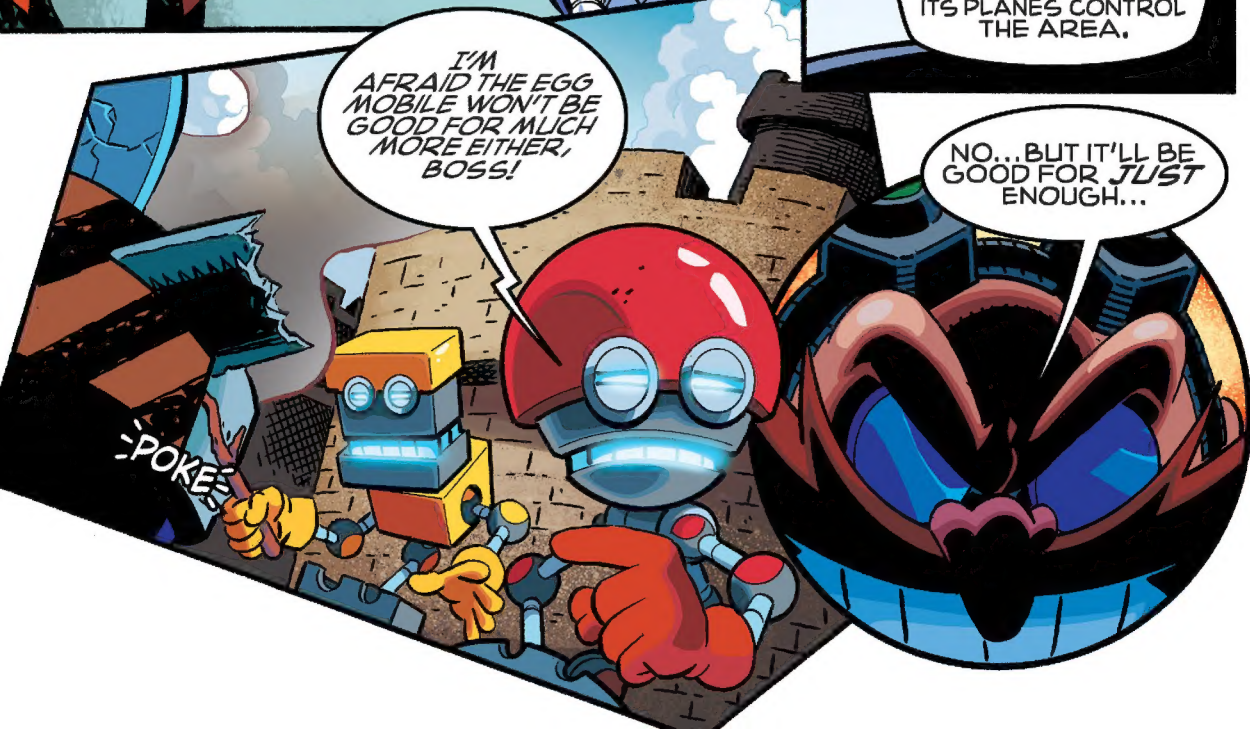
SCREEEEEEEECH

HOOD!
FRONT AND
CENTER!

WE'RE
ALIVE, I'M STILL
PROCESSING
IF I'M HAPPY
ABOUT
THAT...



LORD MORDRED HOOD
REGIONAL EGG BOSS



OUTSIDE KNOTHOLE VILLAGE: WOOD ZONE, WESTSIDE ISLAND...

SONIC
TRUE BLUE
HERO

TAILS
HIGH-FLYING
GENIUS

THAT ... THAT WAS **NICE**.

IT WAS KNOTHOLE, NOT *OUR* KNOTHOLE, BUT...

YEAH, IT'S CLOSE ENOUGH. IF KNOTHOLE CAN GET A SECOND CHANCE, MAYBE WE CAN, TOO.

IF WE'RE GOING TO DO **ANYTHING**, WE NEED TO FIND THE OTHER HALF OF OUR TEAM.

SOONER RATHER THAN LATER, I'D **~VVV!**

NICOLE
SUPER
COMPUTER

HOLD THAT THOUGHT...

HEY THERE, SONNY-BOY! TAILS! FEELS LIKE I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN--

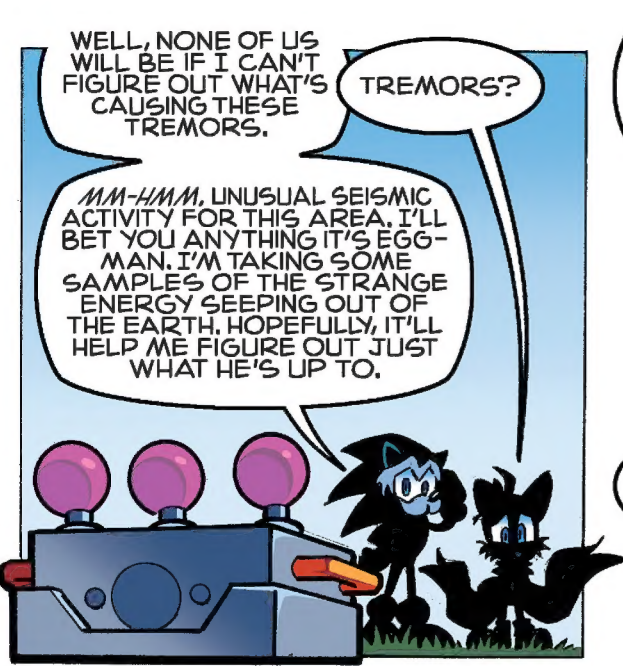
DR. CHUCK
THE HEDGEHOG
"UNCLE" TO MANY

--FOR-
EVER?

SALLY'S NOT A ROBOT, KNOTHOLE'S STILL STAND-
ING, AND UNCLE CHUCK'S STILL AROUND. MAYBE
THIS WHOLE "NEW REALITY"
THING ISN'T SO BAD...

HA! WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?

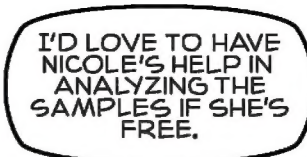
NOTHIN', UNCLE CHUCK. JUST HAPPY TO SEE YOU SAFE AND SOUND.



WELL, NONE OF US WILL BE IF I CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT'S CAUSING THESE TREMORS.

TREMORS?

M-M-HMM, UNUSUAL SEISMIC ACTIVITY FOR THIS AREA. I'LL BET YOU ANYTHING IT'S EGG-MAN. I'M TAKING SOME SAMPLES OF THE STRANGE ENERGY SEEPING OUT OF THE EARTH. HOPEFULLY, IT'LL HELP ME FIGURE OUT JUST WHAT HE'S UP TO.



I'D LOVE TO HAVE NICOLE'S HELP IN ANALYZING THE SAMPLES IF SHE'S FREE.

SO SORRY
->VVT!<- I'M
NEEDED ON
ANOTHER
->VVT!<-

UH-OH, WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, DEAR?

IT'S... COMPLICATED.

SHORT VERSION: WE NEED TO SEE ANTOINE. ROTOR SAID HE WAS WITH YOU.



SURE IS. HE'S BEEN ACTING AS MY BODY-GUARD AS THE MUTT AND I DO OUR RESEARCH.

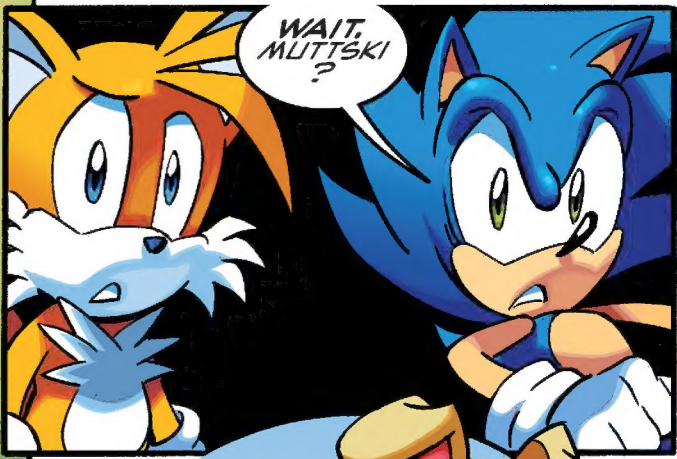
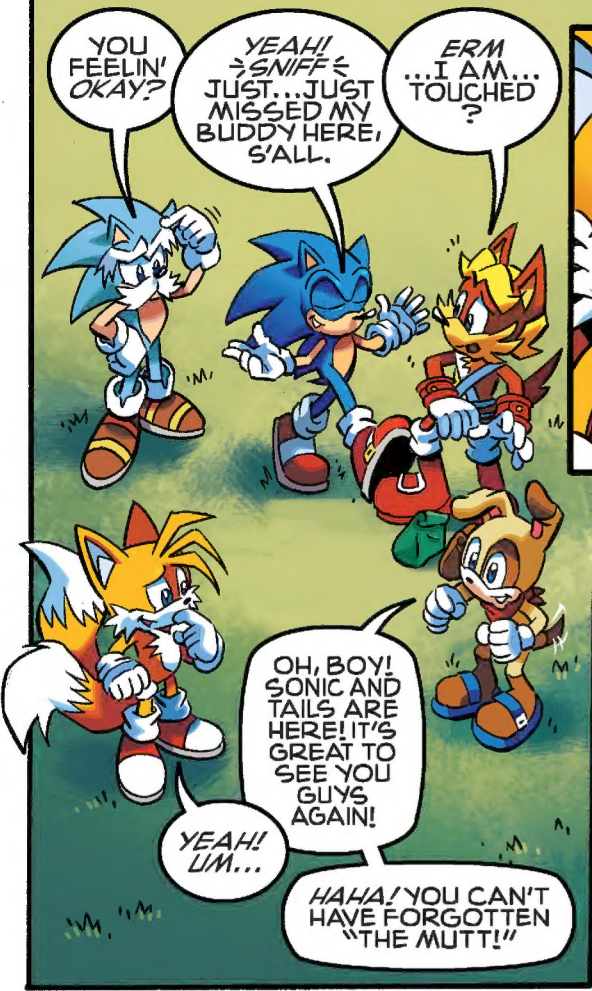


AH! BONJOUR, MES AMIS! I WAS NOT EXPECTING YOU HERE.

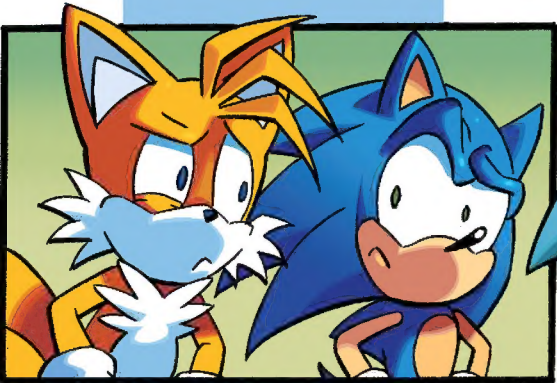
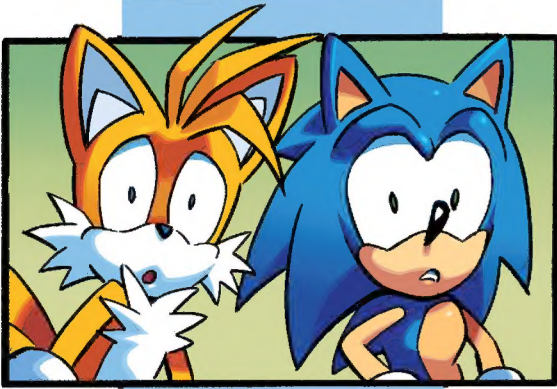
ANTOINE
D'COOLETTE
THE SOLDIER



...I AM MISSING SOMETHING, PERHAPS?



**BEN "MUTT"
MUTTSKI**
CHUCK'S
APPRENTICE





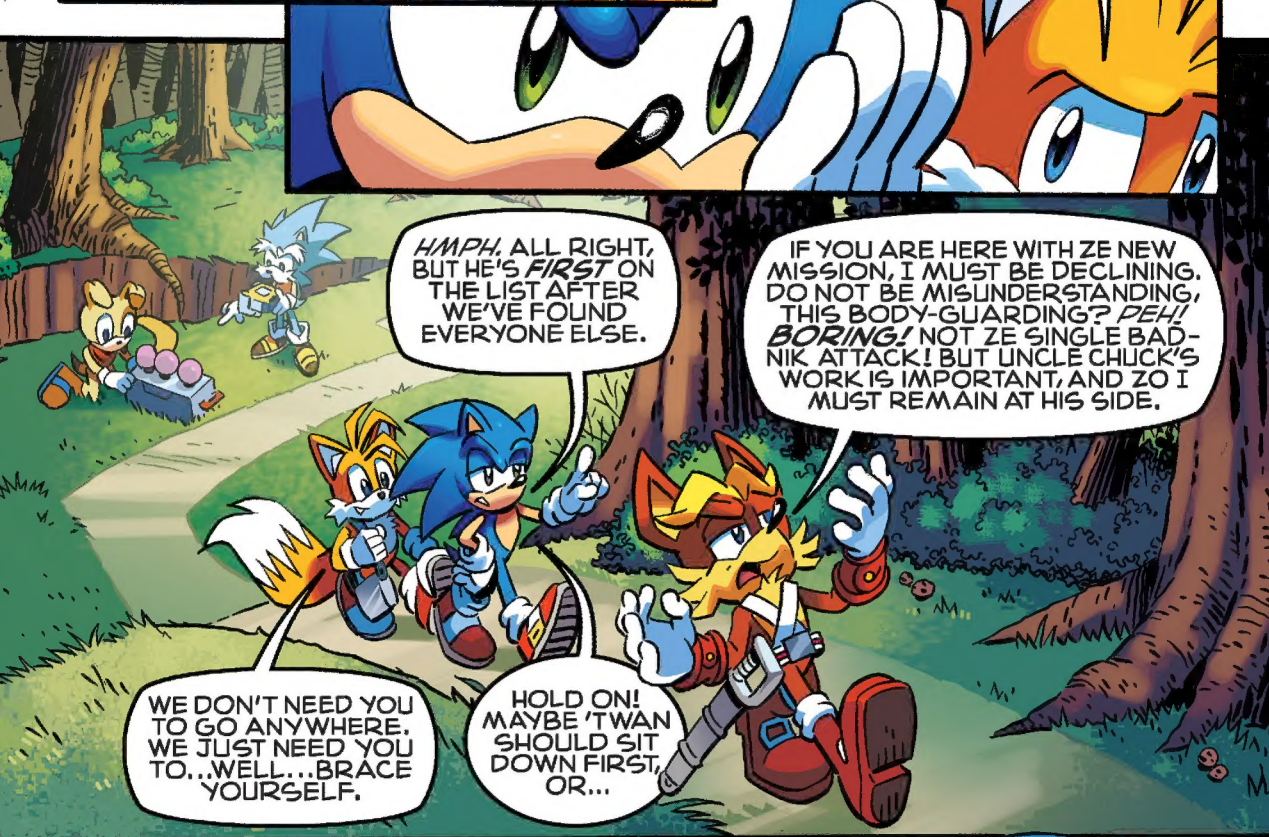
ALL RIGHT! SO--MUTT AND I HAVE WORK TO DO. DIDN'T YOU BOYS SAY YOU HAD BUSINESS WITH ANTOINE?

RIGHT!

IMPORTANT STUFF!

HEY! LET'S GET UNCLE CHUCK IN ON THIS, TOO!

NOT A GOOD IDEA... WE'RE STILL TESTING THE MEMORY RESTORATION ON OUR TEAMMATES, WHO WE'RE **PRETTY SURE** CAN BE RESTORED. CHUCK WAS A FREEDOM FIGHTER, BUT HE WAS ALSO GONE FOR A LONG TIME AS A ROBOTICIZED SLAVE. RIGHT NOW, I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD HAVE TOO MANY VARIABLES--**OR** FOLKS WITH SCRAMBLED MEMORIES.



HMPH. ALL RIGHT, BUT HE'S **FIRST** ON THE LIST AFTER WE'VE FOUND EVERYONE ELSE.

IF YOU ARE HERE WITH ZE NEW MISSION, I MUST BE DECLINING. DO NOT BE MISUNDERSTANDING, THIS BODY-GUARDING? **PEH! BORING!** NOT ZE SINGLE BAD-NIK ATTACK! BUT UNCLE CHUCK'S WORK IS IMPORTANT, AND ZO I MUST REMAIN AT HIS SIDE.

WE DON'T NEED YOU TO GO ANYWHERE. WE JUST NEED YOU TO...WELL...BRACE YOURSELF.

HOLD ON! MAYBE 'TWAN SHOULD SIT DOWN FIRST, OR...



WHAT IS ZE MATTER WITH ZE TWO OF YOU? YOU ARE ACTING AS IF I AM ZE GHOST, HERE TO BE HAUNTING YOU. IF YOU ARE NEEDING ME, SAY SO. IF I MUST BE DOING SOMETHING TO HELP, I WILL DO IT. STOP BEING THE NAMBY-PAMBIES.

ALL RIGHT, 'TWAN. THERE'S NO EASY WAY TO DO THIS, SO...

JUST...TAKE NICOLE.



MEANWHILE...

DYO-HO-HO!
THOSE G.U.N.
FOOLS WON'T
KNOW WHAT
HIT 'EM!

I'M RIGHT HERE,
AND I DON'T KNOW
WHAT WE'RE HITTING
THEM WITH.

SHUT IT! I'VE GOT
TO GET TO THE DEATHEGG
AS FAST AS POSSIBLE!
IF THAT MEANS I'VE
GOT TO GO THROUGH
G.U.N., *SO BE IT!*

JAWOHL,
MEIN
EMPEROR!

AWOOOGA!

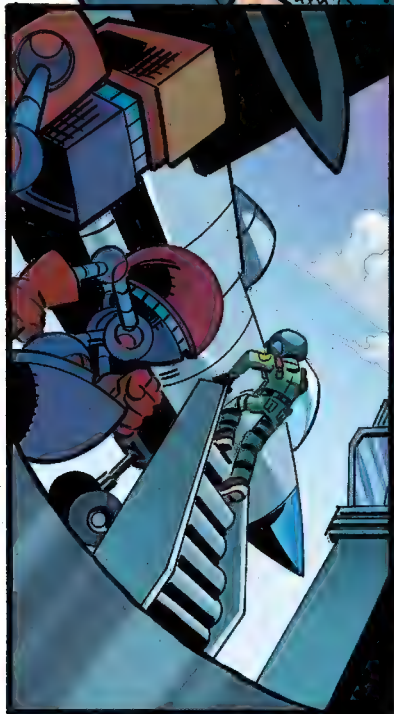
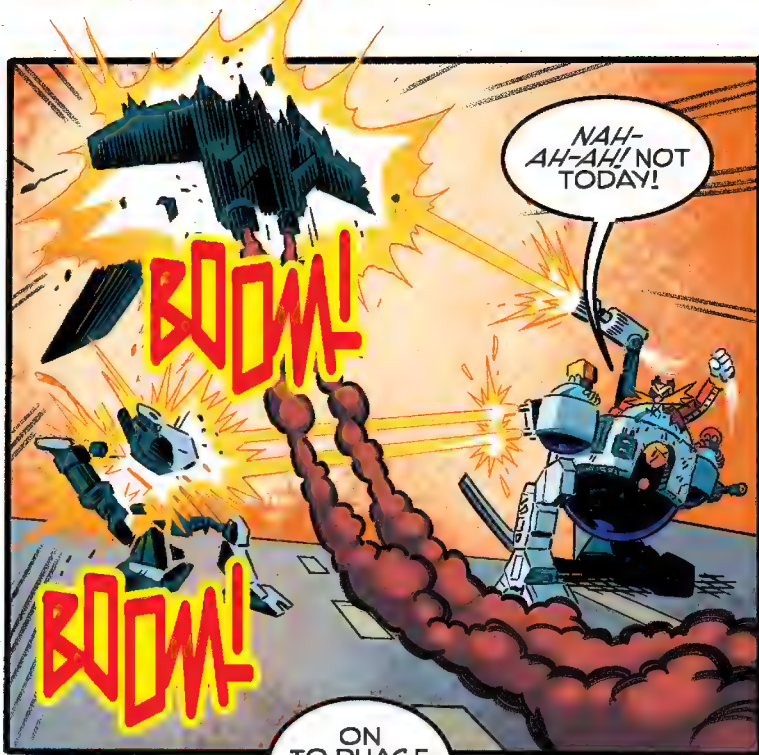
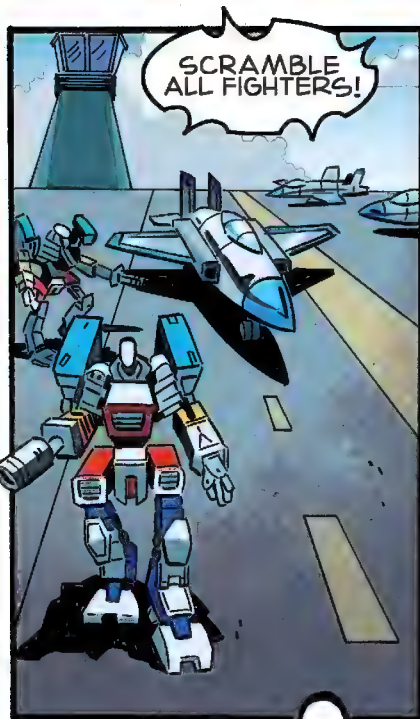
AWOOOGA!

BLAM!

BOOM!

WAH-
HA-HA-HA!
COME AT ME,
BOTS!

CLANG!





YOU'VE SERVED
ME WELL, FAITHFUL
EGG MOBILE. I
SURE KNOW HOW
TO BUILD 'EM!

AWOOOGA!

AWOOOGA!

BOOM!

I CAN CONFIRM
THE COMMAND
SIGNAL TO THE
G.U.N. ARMORED
UNITS IS DOWN.
WE'RE IN THE
CLEAR.

AND
NOW YOU
KNOW WHY
I AM THE
BEST!

HAHAHAHAHA!

BACK IN THE WOOD ZONE...

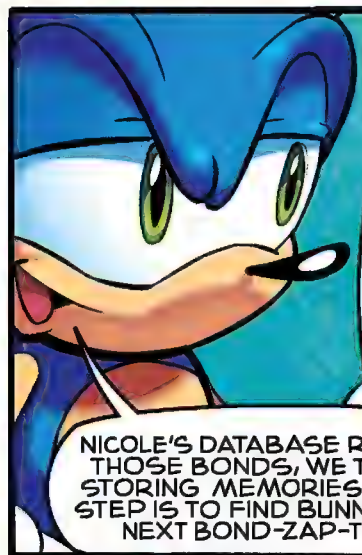
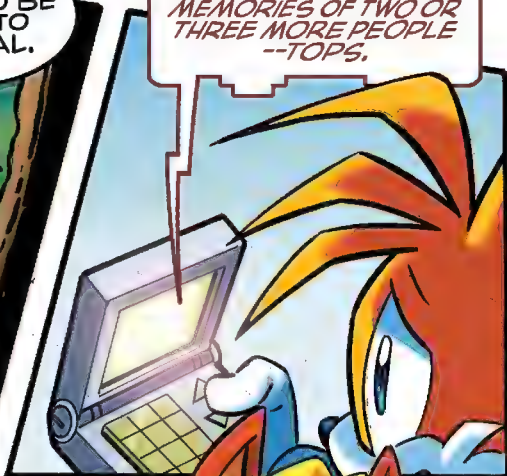
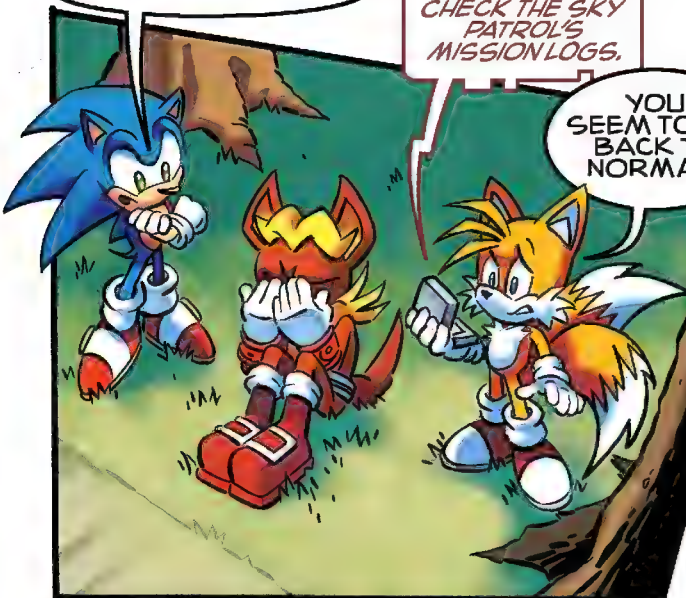
MOST OF THE GIRLS ARE MISSING IN ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, AND WE'RE STILL PLAYING CATCH-UP.

NICOLE, DO YOU HAVE ANY UPDATES ON BUNNIE'S UNDERCOVER MISSION?

STAND BY--I'LL CHECK THE SKY PATROL'S MISSION LOGS.

YOU SEEM TO BE BACK TO NORMAL.

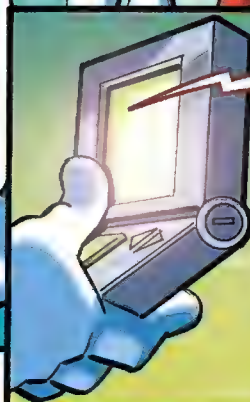
BASIC SYSTEMS SEEM TO BE FINE, BUT I CAN'T ACCESS MY HOLO-MATRIX YET. OH, WELL --BABY STEPS. I'M MORE CONCERNED THAT I SEEM TO BE RUNNING LOW ON THE DIMENSIONAL ENERGIES LEFT FROM THE GENESIS WAVE. I MAY ONLY BE ABLE TO RESTORE THE MEMORIES OF TWO OR THREE MORE PEOPLE --TOPS.



WHAT IS THIS TALK OF ENERGIES AND MEMORIES? I AM SO VERY CONFUSED...

SHORT VERSION? I KINDA FELL THROUGH A HOLE IN REALITY, AND MY BOND WITH YOU GUYS IS MAKING FOR SOME SPECIAL EFFECTS.

NICOLE'S DATABASE REACTS TO THOSE BONDS, WE THINK, RESTORING MEMORIES. THE NEXT STEP IS TO FIND BUNNIE FOR THE NEXT BOND-ZAP-THINGIE.

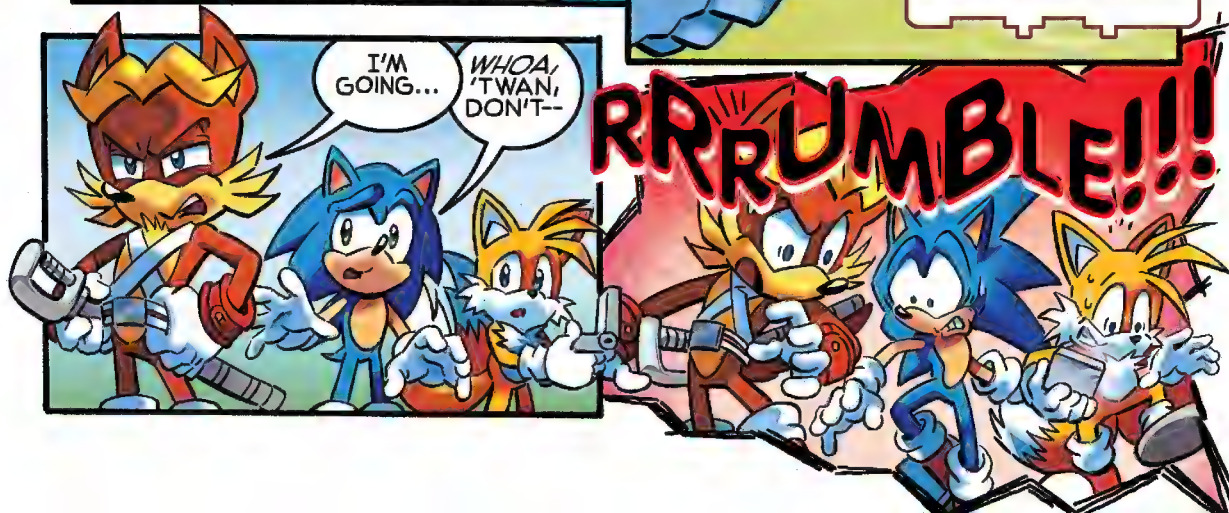


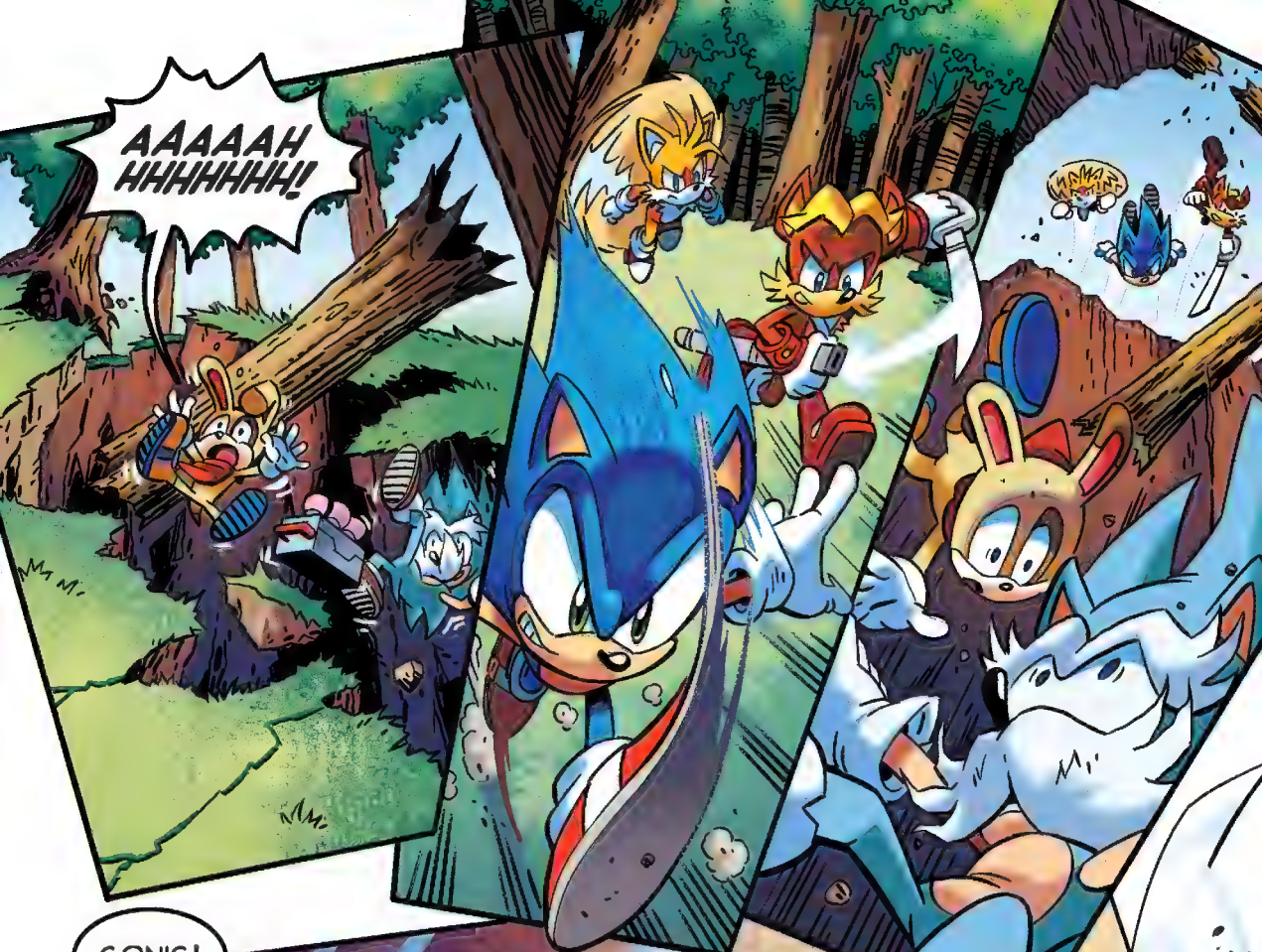
THAT MAY BE A PROBLEM. THE BUNNIE OF THIS WORLD WENT UNDERCOVER TO INFILTRATE THE EGG ARMY AND MISSED HER LAST CHECK-IN WITH US BY A WEEK. HER LAST REPORT DID SAY SHE WAS GOING INTO DEEPER COVER, BUT...

I'M GOING...

WHOA, 'TWAN, DON'T--

RRRUMBLE!!!





AAAAAH
HHHHHHH!

SONIC!
MY
RESEARCH
--!

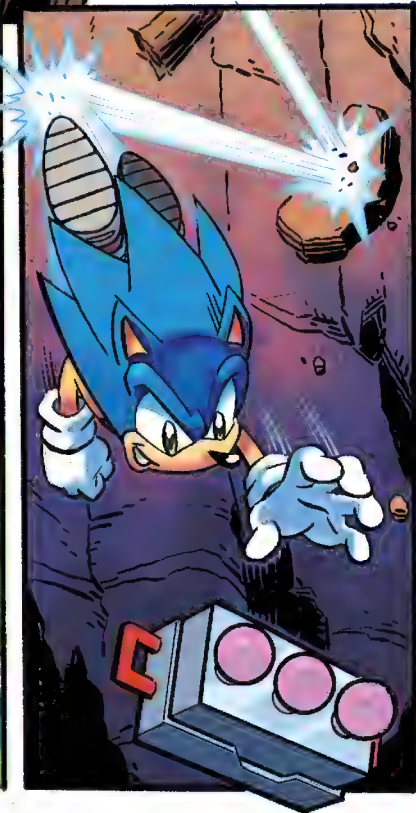
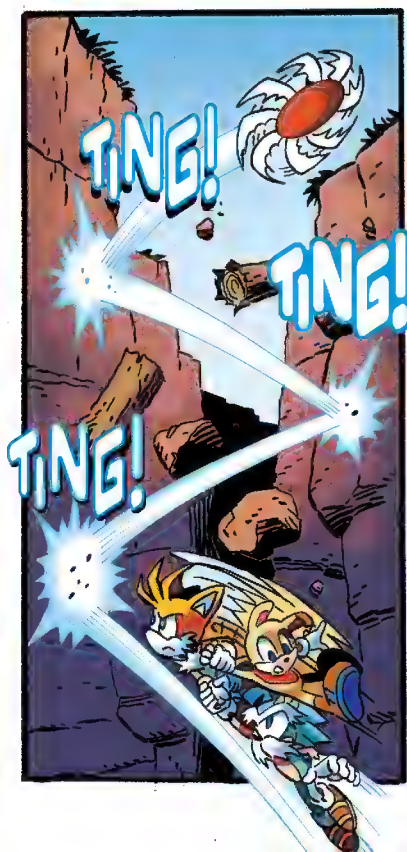
PRIORITIES,
UNC!

SHING!



GET 'EM
TOPSIDE!
I'M RIGHT
BEHIND YA!

TAKE
ZEM BOTH!
I'LL CLEAR
ZE WAY!





GOTCHA!
YOU BETTER
BE WORTH
IT!

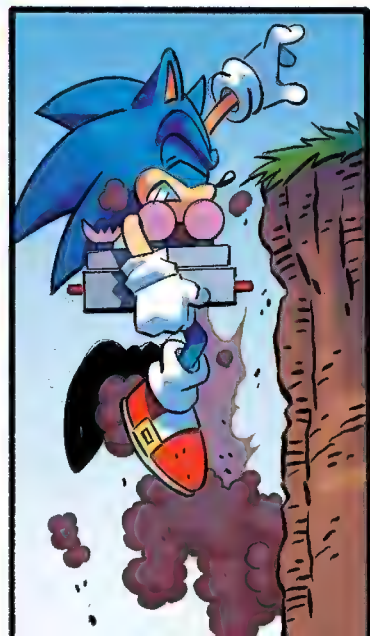


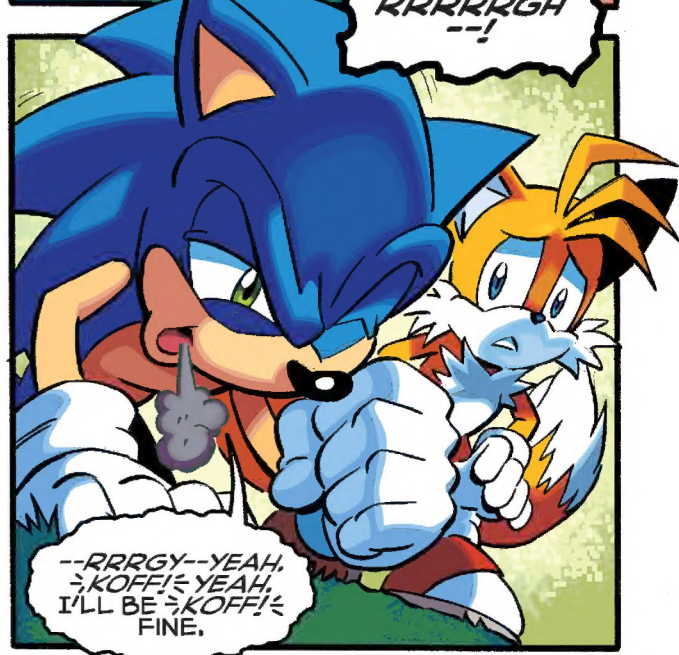
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>KOFF!<
>HACK!<

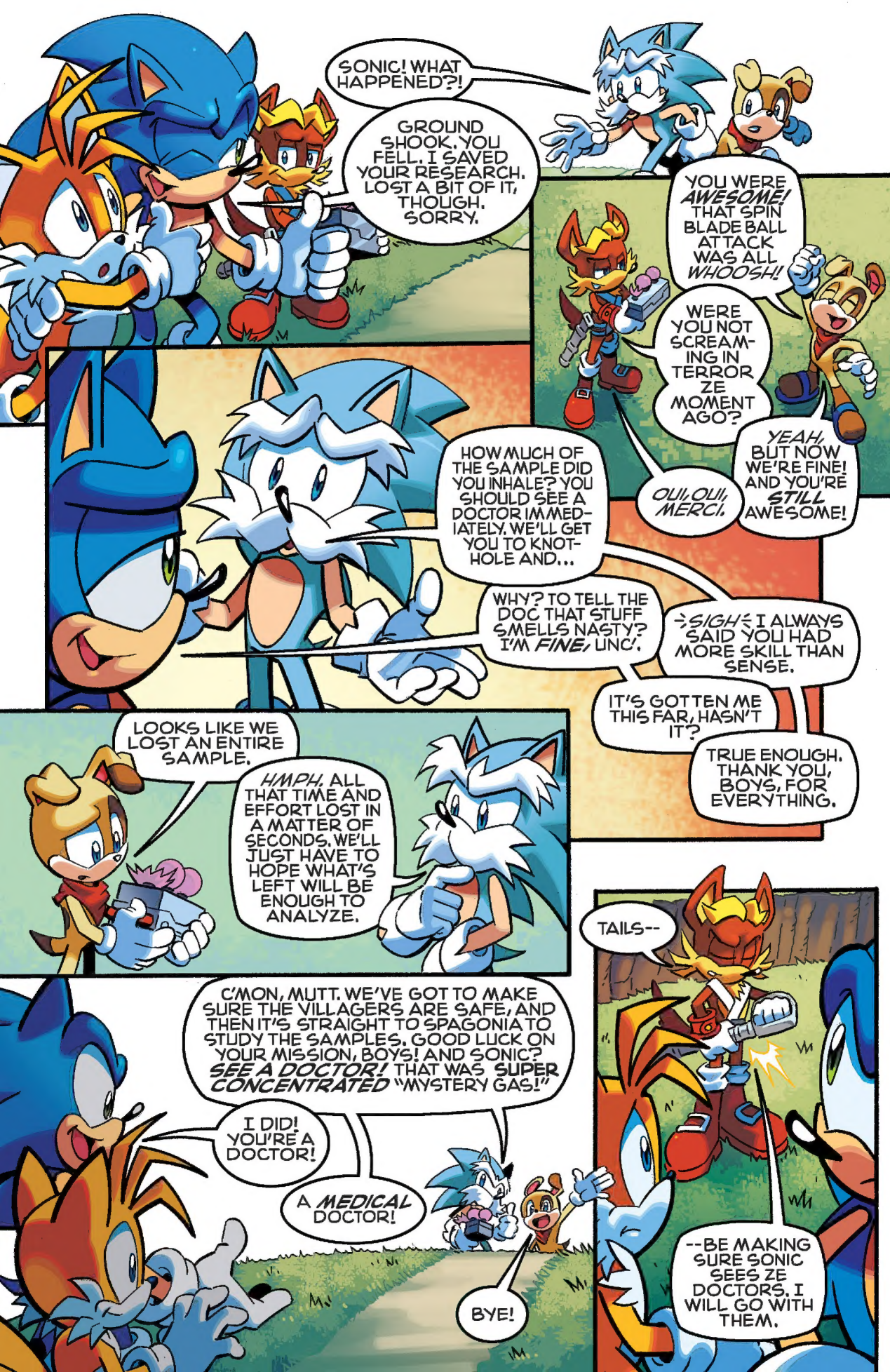
CRASH!



GAG!
>HACK!<







SONIC! WHAT HAPPENED?!

GROUND SHOOK, YOU FELL, I SAVED YOUR RESEARCH. LOST A BIT OF IT, THOUGH. SORRY.

YOU WERE **AWESOME!** THAT SPIN BLADE BALL ATTACK WAS ALL **WHOOOSH!!**

WERE YOU NOT SCREAMING IN TERROR ZE MOMENT AGO?

YEAH, BUT NOW WE'RE FINE! AND YOU'RE **STILL AWESOME!**

OUI, OUI, MERCI.

HOW MUCH OF THE SAMPLE DID YOU INHALE? YOU SHOULD SEE A DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY. WE'LL GET YOU TO KNOT-HOLE AND...

WHY? TO TELL THE DOC THAT STUFF SMELLS NASTY? I'M FINE, UNIC'.

SIGH I ALWAYS SAID YOU HAD MORE SKILL THAN SENSE.

IT'S GOTTEN ME THIS FAR, HASN'T IT?

TRUE ENOUGH. THANK YOU, BOYS, FOR EVERYTHING.

LOOKS LIKE WE LOST AN ENTIRE SAMPLE.

H/MPH, ALL THAT TIME AND EFFORT LOST IN A MATTER OF SECONDS, WE'LL JUST HAVE TO HOPE WHAT'S LEFT WILL BE ENOUGH TO ANALYZE.

TAILS--

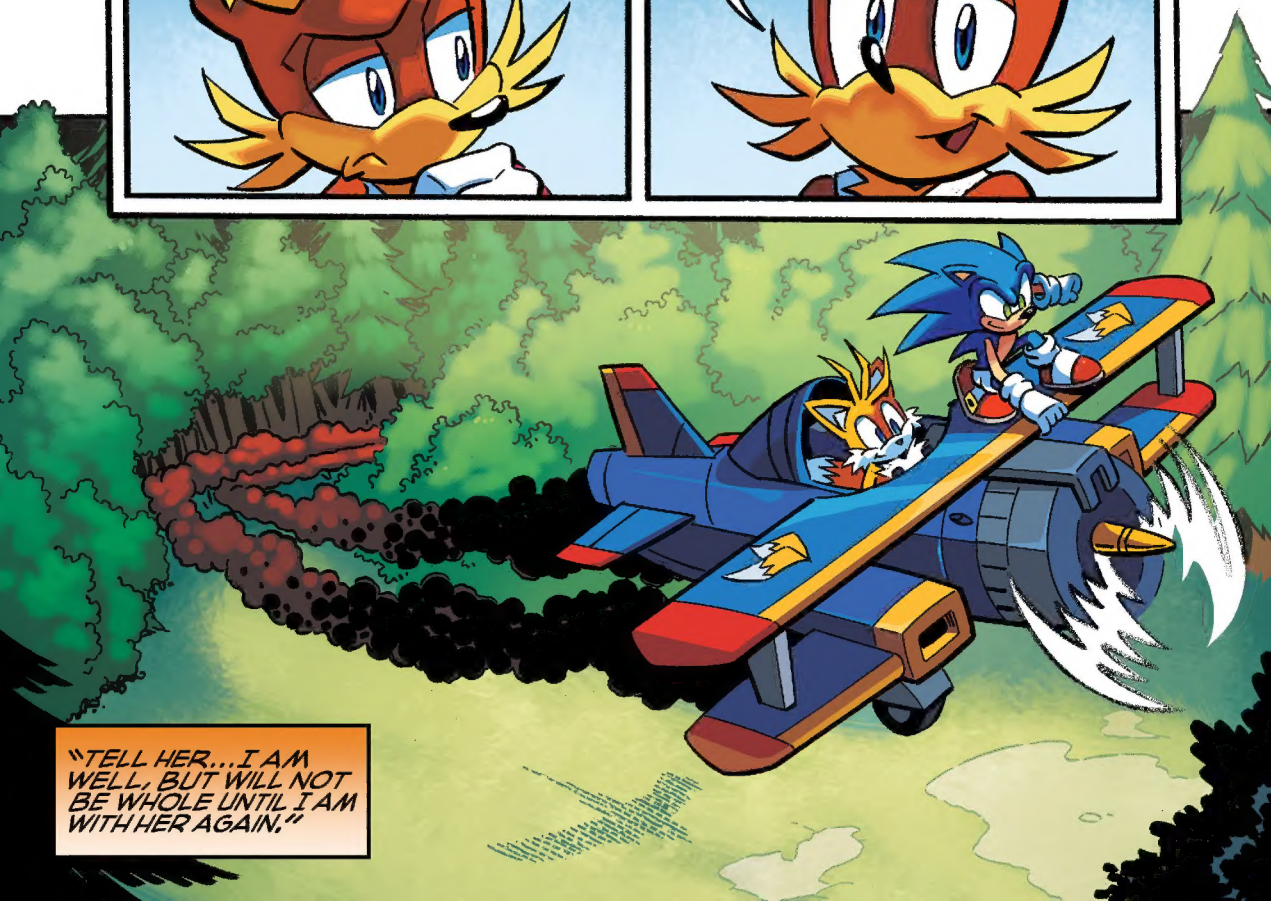
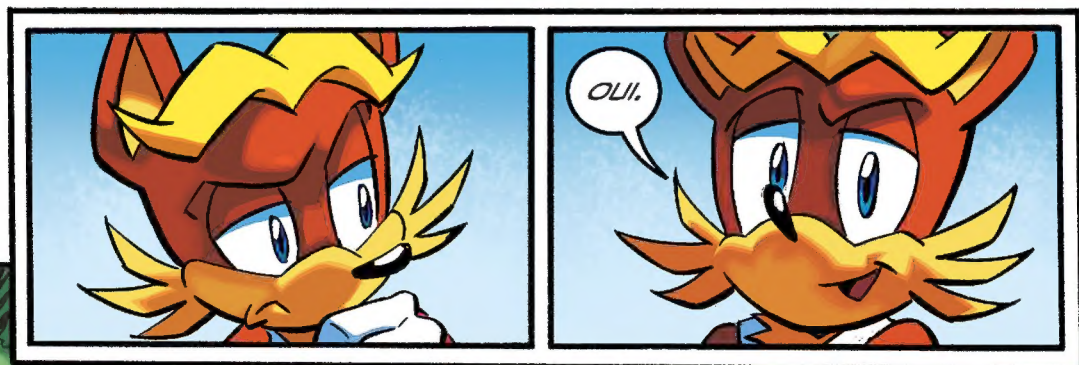
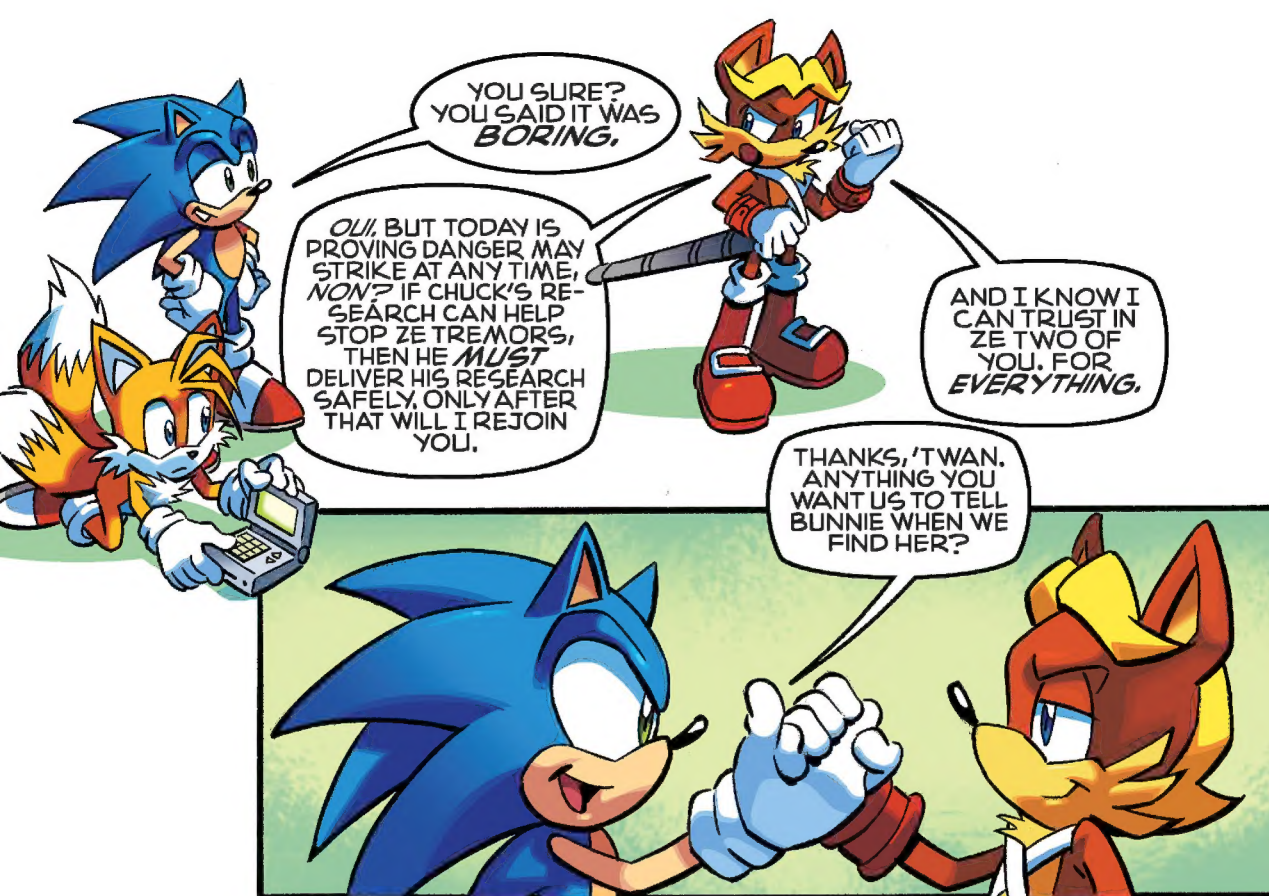
C'MON, MUTT. WE'VE GOT TO MAKE SURE THE VILLAGERS ARE SAFE, AND THEN IT'S STRAIGHT TO SPAGONIA TO STUDY THE SAMPLES. GOOD LUCK ON YOUR MISSION, BOYS! AND SONIC? **SEE A DOCTOR!** THAT WAS SUPER CONCENTRATED "MYSTERY GAS!"

I DID! YOU'RE A DOCTOR!

A **MEDICAL** DOCTOR!

BYE!

--BE MAKING SURE SONIC SEES ZE DOCTORS. I WILL GO WITH THEM.



METROPOLIS ZONE...

HEY!
ROOKIE!
YOU BETTER
GET FULLY
SUITED UP
BEFORE SOME-
ONE REPORTS
YOU!

RIGHT!
SORRY
'BOUT
THAT!

ALL
HAIL THE
EGGMAN
EMPIRE,
AND ALL
THAT JAZZ,
RIGHT?

BUNNIE "RABBOT" D'COOLETTE
--EGG SOLDIER! IS SHE STILL
A SPY, OR HAS SOMETHING
HAPPENED?
IT'S UP TO **SONIC AND TAILS** TO
FIND OUT IN **"COUNTDOWN TO
CHAOS"** PART THREE!
MEANWHILE, DON'T MISS **AMY
ROSE'S ADVENTURE WITH BLAZE
THE CAT** IN **SONIC UNIVERSE #55-58**
"PIRATE PLUNDER PANIC!"
--GOING ON NOW!